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Kansas Lake Releases to be increased

KANSAS CITY, Mo.— The Kansas City District Water Management Department will begin flood water evacuation from the Kansas Lakes today. Since the Missouri River flows at Waverly continue to decrease, the releases can be safely increased. According to the USGS, the Waverly flow is currently at 130,000 cfs and continues to drop from 2,000 cfs to 3,000 cfs per day.

The following lake release changes will be performed:

Milford increase from 1,500 to 3,000 cfs Tuttle Creek increase from 1,000 to 2,000 cfs Perry increase from 200 to 700 cfs.

The lake releases will be increased more as the Missouri River flow continues to decrease. Currently, Milford Lake is 12.4 feet higher than normal pool, while Tuttle Creek Lake is 17.2 feet higher, and Perry Lake is 6.3 feet higher than normal pool. The Kansas City District believes the Missouri River stages will continue to decline even with the additional water from the three Kansas Basin lakes.

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